

### Child Care Frequently Asked Questions

#### **How many times per year is a child care inspection done?**

Every six months, an unannounced inspection is conducted by Environmental Health.

#### **Does the Health Department issue permits for daycare centers?**

No. While the Health Department is responsible for inspections, the license is actually issued by the [NC Division of Child Development](#) .

#### **Are grades posted in a daycare?**

Yes, a placard is posted in each daycare showing the result of the inspection as: Superior, Approved, Provisional, or Disapproved. Child Care Center Rules offer more information on inspection results and guidelines for each grade.

#### **What do I need to do if I am planning to open a childcare center?**

You will need to speak with someone from Environmental Health to discuss your proposal. You will also need to discuss your plans with the building inspections office and fire marshal. If your proposed business is served by a well or septic system, additional investigations will be needed. You will also need to apply for a daycare license from the [NC Division of Child Development](#) .